

PULLIAM SOUGHT TO DO TOO MUCH

National League Club Owners Prefer to Manage Affairs in Own Way.

DON'T WANT PRESIDENT, BUT ONLY FIGUREHEAD

They Will Not Copy American League Methods, Notwithstanding Its Apparent Success. Pulliam Has Broken Down Under Weight of His Worries.

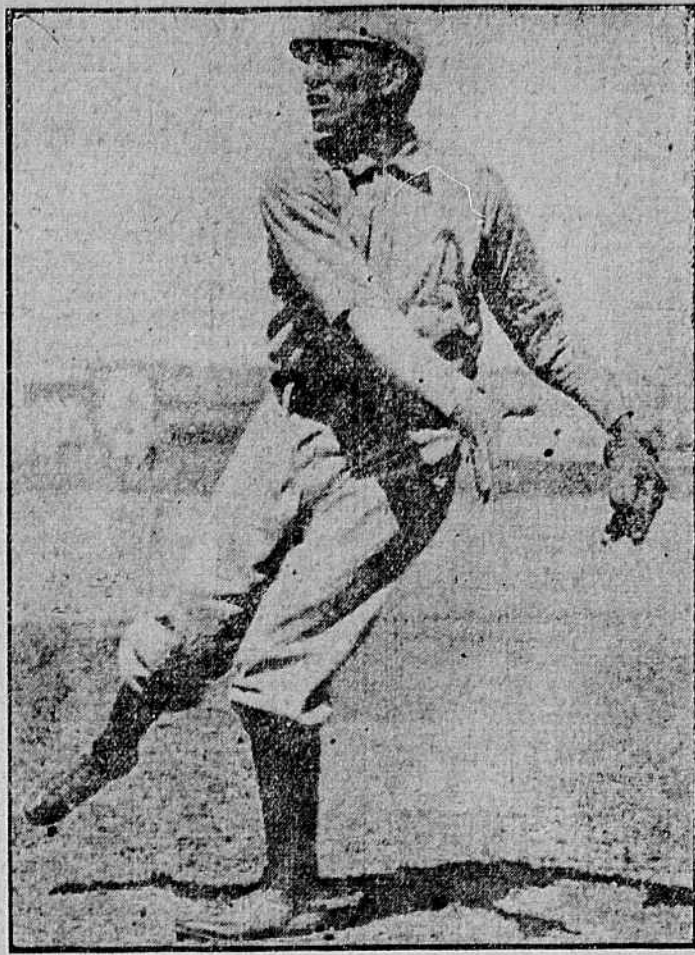
Harry Pulliam has broken down under the strain of trying to run the National League of Baseball Clubs as he thought it should be run, regardless of the wishes of the club owners. He has been given a year's leave of absence with pay, and it is not likely that he will ever again fill the position which has cost him his health and so much mental anguish. The popular opinion is that Mr. Pulliam was honest and sincere in his efforts while in office, and that his one great mistake was in refusing to recognize the fact that the club owners wanted a figurehead president and not a fighter. It is to Mr. Pulliam's credit that he tried to perform the duties of his office faithfully even in the face of great opposition from the "big men" of the league, who have ever tried, and generally with success, to get the best of the less influential members; but so long as the organization continues with its present make-up—and there is no sign of a change—it is not conducive to the best interests of the league to have a president who is continually at loggerheads with the members. A president without power, who continually tries to exercise his authority, sits up discord without doing any good. Mr. Pulliam refused to stand the "figurehead" and would undoubtedly have worked hard for the best interests of the league if he had been allowed to. No one objected to his working, but each club owner wanted things worked his way, whereas Pulliam wanted to work for what he considered the best interests of all the clubs.

Wanted to Emulate Johnson.
He would gladly have been to the National League what Ben Johnson is to the American League, and if he had been trusted just as thoroughly he would likewise have been as valuable to the older organization as Johnson is to the hustling young rival, which has in eight years outstripped the veteran. The National League is no stronger today than it was ten years ago, while the American League is on a very safe financial footing. One man power accounts for the success of the American League, and while that arrangement has at times resulted in happenings which have saved the organization, the mistakes, when pointed out, have usually been quickly corrected, or at least toned down, so that they were less objectionable. There have been times during these eight years of American League successes that club owners have had differences with each other and with the league president that were every bit as serious as were the differences between National League club owners and President Pulliam during the past few months; but there never was such an open display of hostility as cropped out at the Chicago meeting the past week, for the reason that Johnson had the power to prevent it. He, as president of the league, holds a majority of stock in every club in the league, and can enforce his mandates. With this power he can correct his own mistakes without the necessity of a public airing.

Money in Close Finishes.
From a financial viewpoint there can be no question as to the choice of methods, and so long as the laws of fair sport are not disregarded the public will not balk at "highly perfected" organization, particularly in a game like baseball, where prearrangements in some of the details are so hard to recognize. The results of the past few baseball seasons have demonstrated this fact, for close finishes are now the fashion in nearly all leagues, and the last season was a record-breaker all around. Much of Pulliam's troubles emanated from rowdiness on the ball field and the heart-breaking finish in the National League where it became necessary to replay a game, which was officially declared a tie in order to decide the championship. The wrangling connected with this final series between the Chicago and New York Clubs did much to shatter the nerves of the excitable president, and the umpire-bribing and ticket-scalping charges that followed added to his woes. The club owners resented Pulliam's efforts to settle things according to his ideas, and tried to make him understand that he was only a paid clerk, which he refused to see. John A. Heydler, who takes Pulliam's place temporarily as president of the National League and member of the National Commission, will, it is believed, come nearer to filling the office as the club owners want it filled, and it will be no surprise should he eventually be elected president. Heydler has had much baseball experience, having been a writer and an umpire before being chosen Pulliam's assistant. N. E. Young, who for years presided over the National League, was in reality little more than a clerk, who gave out only such information as his employees, the club owners, directed him to give out, and that is the style of man that is wanted by the "big men" who dominate the affairs of the organization. What New York, Chicago, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh want the other clubs must be satisfied with.

Bribery Charges Shelved.
Nothing is to be done at present with the umpire bribing charges, which probably means that the matter will be allowed to die a natural death. If that is the intent, it is a mistake, for a charge which was serious enough to

HE IS DONE WITH BASEBALL



"CHIEF" BENDER QUILTS DIAMOND—INDIAN TWIRLER DECLARES HE INTENDS TO DEVOTE HIS TIME IN THE FUTURE TO MATCH SHOTS.
"Chief" Bender, of the Philadelphia Athletics, has decided to forsake the baseball for the gun. Condie Mince's Indian twirler declares that he has positively decided to make this switch, and that while no contract has yet been signed him by the Athletics officials, he "wouldn't sign one if it was shoved under his nose." This is not the first time that Bender has been a member of the "hold-out" league. The "chief" two years ago failed to come to terms with the Athletics until some time after the other players had arrived at the training camp in Texas.

FUTURE OF AMATEUR RACING GROWS BRIGHT

At New York Meeting of Stewards, Committee Is Appointed to Take Charge of Hunt Club Affairs, Westmoreland Davis Being Member from Virginia.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, February 27.—The stewards of the National Hunt and Steeplechase Association have appointed a committee of nine, to be known as the hunt committee, which will in future have charge of all matters pertaining to hunting and amateur racing in this country. The committee consists of three members of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association and six representatives of the various hunt clubs throughout the country.

Unanimous Approval.
This move on the part of the Steeplechase Association has received the unanimous approval of the committee of stewards by the hunt clubs to confer with the Steeplechase Association on the subject of representation in such matters for the club. The committee in charge for the first year will consist of S. H. Howard, of Washington, one of Messrs. Morris and Page, of New York, on the part of the Steeplechase Association, and Messrs. Westmoreland Davis, of Virginia; Redmond Stewart, of Maryland; Pfizer, of New Jersey; Anton Devereux, of Penn-

sylvania; Harper, of New York, and Baker, of Massachusetts, on the part of the hunt clubs.

It must be remembered that these men have to do only with the hunting and amateur racing with gentlemen riders, and not with professional racing.

The market for Virginia horses as hunters and steeplechasers is broadening every day, and it is contended by many that the Virginia horse is the peer of the Irish chaser, not only in staying, but in weight carrying qualities.

Centre of the Sport.
There are thirteen hunt clubs now in Virginia, more than twice as many as in any other State, and the interest in the sport is still growing. This of late has increased demand upon the farmer for high-class horses, for once horses distinguish themselves in the Virginia hunting field they command high prices in the Northern market. Much satisfaction is felt in sporting circles here upon the unanimity of the action of the Steeplechase Association and hunt clubs, and great good is predicted for the horse racing industry of the country by reason of the increased interest that is sure to be taken by the public in such matters.

RIVERSIDE HUNT RIDES TO HOUNDS

Pack Carries Large Field on One of Season's Best Runs.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., February 27.—The regular Saturday afternoon meet of the Riverside Hunt Club was held this afternoon. The club met at Lassiter's Road and ran through Harrell's field to the farm of A. C. Smith; then over to Miller's, to a check at Young's Road. The pack was again thrown in at Matocca, and carried the field over Matocca, Wells and Palmer's to another check on the Plank Road.

The last run was over Granite Grove field through Fisher's to the finish at the kennels. It was one of the best runs of the season.

Those riding were M. C. Jackson, M. F. H., on Black Socks; Roane Rufin, huntsman, on Set Back; Leo Roy Jones, whip, on Lady Maud; S. M. Green, Jr., whip, on Blue Eye; Irving Hartley, on Moonlight; Harvey Seward, on Christine; Duncan Wright on Bell Fleur, and grooms on Lucy Douglas and Cedar Mountain.

The usual Saturday evening reception followed the hunt, and proved to be a most enjoyable evening to the members and their visiting guests who were present.

BRILLIANT DRAG OF KESWICK CLUB

Large Field Follows Hounds Over Ditch and Fences to the Finish.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
KESWICK, VA., February 27.—The weekly drag of the Keswick Hunt Club was brilliantly run this afternoon. The hounds were thrown in at Sleepy Hollow, and ran across Oak Hills, then to Mountainville, where there was a check; then on to Clover Fields, where many admirers of the chase were waiting to see the jumps. It was a wonderful sight to see the large field come down the side of the mountain fields, over ditch and fence, with never a break nor a fall, on to Clover Hills, thence back to Clover Fields, where the field and their friends were charmingly entertained.

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BALL NINES ARE ASTIR FOR START

This Week Will See Big League Teams at Training Quarters or En Route.

EARLY STARTS PLANNED BY ALL THE MANAGERS

Hot Fight for the Pennants Expected from the Start of the Season—Second Division Teams Will Be Well Prepared to Put Up Strong Battle.

Every team in the two big baseball leagues will have gone or will be moving toward training quarters this week. The clubs are all starting from a week to ten days earlier this year than ever before. The managers are anxious to get their men in the best possible condition for the gruelling pennant race of the coming summer. In the two leagues there is sure to be a hot fight from the beginning of the season, and all of the teams are anxious to get away with a good start. In the National League the Chicago Cubs will have the New York Giants, Pittsburgh Pirates and the Philadelphia Athletics, and the Detroit Tigers will have the St. Louis Browns and the Cleveland Naps. St. Louis Browns and the Chicago White Sox close at their heels.

The second-division teams of last year will also be better prepared to fight their way than they have been for many seasons. In the National League the Reds and the Cardinals are sure to be stronger than they have been for several seasons, and under new managers eager to make repudiations. While it looks as if the Cardinals will be the leaders much trouble.

In the American League Boston and Washington are the two teams that will be watched carefully by the top-nosers. These two teams have been strengthened during the winter, and both will be hard teams to beat the coming summer if they show as well as expected.

Makes Many Trades.
Manager Griffith, of the Cincinnati team, has made more trades than any of the managers in the National League since last fall, when he took charge of the Reds. He has secured several young pitchers for his staff for the coming year. Blaine Davis has been traded to the Boston team, and Fromme are two of the youngsters that should help Griffith's pitching department. The St. Louis Cardinals have much strength behind the bat now that Roger Bresnahan is with the team. In the American League, the Cardinals have been weakened in the outfield by the disposal of Murray the strength gained behind the bat will make up for much that has been lacking in the team in the past.

Washington, in the American League, will have Conroy on third base, and that one player will make a much different team of the Senators. Conroy is a good all-around player, and is both a fielder and a batter of high rank. The Senators had one of the strongest pitching staffs in the American League last year, and Joe Cantillon should have even a better lot of twirlers this year than he did last.

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Adds Many Players.
The Boston American League team has added many players to the list; but none of them is of any great strength so far as is known. Every member of the team is young, however, and under the able leadership of Fred Lake these youngsters should develop. The Red Sox were considered one of the fastest teams in the game last year. The experience of last season will be valuable for them this year. The loss of Young and Criger will be felt by the team, but some of the youngsters should make up for that loss in the speed they bring the team.

Colt's announced opinion that Fielder Jones will be back the coming season to lead the Chicago White Sox. No word has been received from Jones.

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Wins at Fifty Yards



TEDDY BRISTOW.
Speedy athlete of Richmond College and captain of track team, who won the 50-yard dash at Richmond College meet last night. He took the measure of such men as Stanton and Burke, of Virginia, and Stollenwerk, of Johns Hopkins.

LOOKS LIKE WELLS WITHOUT A FIGHT

Supporters Believe He Will Have No Further Opposition for the Presidency.

MAGNATES WILL MEET IN RICHMOND MONDAY

Number of Promising Youngsters Signed Up With Colts, and Outlook for Season Is Mighty Good—Hill City Squad Touted as Strong Contender.

Directors of the Virginia State Baseball League will meet at Murphy's hotel to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock to elect a president and adopt a schedule for the season. The directors who have supported President Jake Wells at the last two league meetings are not anticipating any fight against him to-morrow, and in all probability he will be re-elected without opposition.

League Secretary Gregory and Billy Hannon, the former secretary of the Norfolk club, have submitted tentative schedules to the directors. These will be gone over very carefully to-morrow, and the best features of each will be embodied in a third schedule, which will be adopted. As objection already has been raised to certain features of each schedule, there is little probability of either one being adopted without change. While much time may be required for the drafting of the final schedule, the magnates hope to complete the work to-morrow night.

President Wells will call the meeting to order, and all of the club owners and managers are expected to be on hand. The directors will arrive in Richmond Monday morning, and probably will remain here until Tuesday.

Perry Lipe Arrives To-Day.
Owner W. B. Bradley, of the Colts, said yesterday that Perry Lipe would arrive in Richmond to-day from his home in Irvington, Ill. After a conference with Mr. Bradley, he will go to Washington to attend the inauguration of President Taft, and later will go to Pennsylvania to see Bussie and others of the Colts who have not yet returned their contracts for the season. Manager Lipe wrote Mr. Bradley several days ago that he did not anticipate any difficulty in getting the six men who are holding out to sign their contracts and report here next month.

Lipe has signed up a number of promising youngsters for this season, and all of them will report here about the middle of March to begin practice.

Play Giants and Yankees.
Following the usual custom, the Colts will play their first practice game with the Spiders, the game being scheduled for March 27. The Newark team, of the Eastern League, will play here on April 1, 2 and 3, and on April 6 McGraw's Giants will try a round with the Colts. Stallings' Yankees will follow the Giants here, playing three games on April 9, 10 and 12. On April 13 and 14 the Elmira team of the New York State League will be here, and the Charlotte, N. C., squad will meet the Colts on April 15. Richmond will play its last two practice games with the Altoona team of the Tri-State League, on April 15 and 17. Ed Ashenback, who managed the Hampton team in the old Virginia League, is managing the Altoona nine. He is well-known to Richmond fans, and has been one of the best baseball coaches in the business.

During the three days before the opening of the league on Thursday, April 22, the Colts will be given some stiff work, and they should be in excellent shape at the commencement of the pennant race.

Look Good on Paper.
As judged on paper, the 1909 Colts appear to be a mighty strong aggregation, and no weakness is to be noted in any department. The return of "Dutch" Revelle and the securing of Walker from Danville gives the team a strong pitching staff. Most of the positions in the infield and outfield have yet to be filled, but many of the best men will be added, and they will have to fight hard against the youngsters who have been signed up.

Lynchburg promises to be a big factor in the race this season, and already fans here are clamoring for conceding the flag to the Hill City squad. Smiling Al Orth has gotten together a fine bunch of players, and he has the ability to round them into a strong team. He is conceded to be one of the best baseball men in the country to-day, and the Lynchburg fans are expecting great things from him.

Blind Is Optimistic.
Heretofore Portsmouth has not been very much of a factor in the race, but Owner Blind says he has secured some of the best men available under the increased salary limit, and he is very optimistic. He has been in a fine mood at the beginning of every season, but for one reason or another the promising youngsters have failed to turn in scratch, their weaknesses developing at the critical points in the race.

Danville has to be reckoned with. She gave Richmond a mighty rush for the pennant last year. Nearly all of last year's men have returned, and in addition some new, but seasoned, players have been signed for the season.

With Win Clarke at the helm of the Crew of the Mary Jane, that good ship, which foundered frequently last year, should be able to buffet the worst of the gales that sweep around the Virginia circuit this summer. The new owners of the club have made extensive preparations for the season, and they are anxious to land the pennant in Norfolk. Thus far the management of the Roanoke team has said little about the preparations for the season, but it can be depended upon to put a fast aggregation in the race.

With the increased salary limit this year, all of the teams should be able to secure better players than heretofore, and the fans are expecting a high class of ball.

Equals World's Record



L. J. MARTIN.
L. J. Martin, Virginia's crack hurdler, whose performance last night at the Richmond College meet equaled the world's record for the 50-yard hurdles, has made the distance in three-fifths of a second better time, and is only awaiting the decision of the A. A. U. in regard to its validity before adding a new world's mark to his string.

At the George Washington University games held recently in Washington Martin took the hurdles in the remarkable time of five and three-fifths seconds, which lowers Smithson's record for the same distance, made at the George Washington games last year.

The time made by the Virginia flyer last night was six and one-fifth seconds, which shows that the Charlottesville boy is going at a good clip without being pushed.

If Martin's recent performance in Washington holds good this will be the second world's mark credited to him this winter, he having won a new start Bristow gathering in a comfortable lead at the outset. The runners who followed him lengthened the gap and ran the boys from the other two colleges off their feet.

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DUAL TRACK MEET AT THE VARSITY

Coming of Yale Will Prove Great Event in Southern Athletics.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 27.—Yale and Virginia will hold a dual track meet at the University of Virginia in the early spring. The exact date has not been decided upon, but it will very probably be held on April 10, the Saturday before Easter, and the opening of the social season at the Virginia University, corresponding to the "proms" held at Princeton and Yale.

In response to the invitation sent to Yale by Assistant Manager Goodwin, of the Virginia team, M. A. Seabury, president and manager of the Blue's track and field team, replied that "a dual meet with the University of Virginia could be very desirable, if proper arrangements could be made in regard to date and expenses. As our winter schedule is rather large, it would be out of the question to arrange for a meet of this sort except on some date during our spring vacation." All that the Yale team asks is that all travelling and hotel expenses be footed by the Virginia management.

Will Prove Big Event.
The meet will undoubtedly prove one of the biggest athletic events ever pulled off in the South. It will be the first of its kind ever held in Dixie land, and will mark the beginning of a new era for track athletics in the Southland.

The meet will attract lovers of this branch of the sport from all the colleges in Virginia and from institutions in many of the adjoining States. Coming as it does in the very midst of the baseball season, it will draw from the crowds of alumni who come back to witness the big contests of Easter week and participate in the games.

James A. Rector, America's premier sprinter, will participate in the Yale meet, and will run in both the 100 and 200 yards. He will have his opponents, Agricultural Butler, the noted Yale sprinter. In the quarter Robbins, of Yale, will have to exert himself if he beats out Stanton, the Californian, who has been giving a good account of himself in the recent past. A battle royal will be the tilt between Martin, the champion hurdler, and Howe, Yale's star, who has equaled the world's record, 15.1-5 seconds, over the 120-yard hurdles. Of course, in many of the events, Virginia will be outclassed, notably in the pole vault, for the Southerners have no entries who can compare with Nelson and Gilbert. Virginia will have little show in the field events.

Changes for Fair.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, VA., February 27.—Two innovations were ordered by the directors of the Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society in session here to-day. One reduces the days for the Winchester Fair from four to three, and the other changes the date from late October to September 17th.

VARSITY ATHLETES WIN POINT TROPHY

They Sweep All Before Them at Richmond College's Indoor Meet.

CLOSEST COMPETITORS LEFT FAR IN THE REAR

Martin Equals World's Record for Fifty-Yard Hurdles—Spiders Take Relay from W. and M. and Randolph-Macon. Great Crowd Witnesses Events

Virginia Wins Cup

University of Virginia	40
Baltimore City College	25
Episcopal High School	2
Johns Hopkins University	2
Richmond College	5
George Washington	5
Mt. Washington A.	2
Richmond V. M. C. A.	3
Richmond Academy	2
Richmond Grays, Jr.	1
Washington and Lee	1

Richmond College's first annual indoor meet at the Horse Show Building last night was a complete success from every viewpoint. Past time was made in many of the events, L. J. Martin, the great hurdler of the University of Virginia, equalling the world's record of 6.1-5 seconds in the 50-yard hurdles, and very close finishes were furnished in some of the long dashes and runs. All of the big relay races were intensely interesting, and time and again the crowd of about 1,200 people was brought to its feet, with prolonged cheers for the runners.

The fleet-footed athletes from the University of Virginia swept all before them, winning the point trophy, a handsome silver loving cup, with a total of 40 points. The University City College was second, with 25 points. The home college received but five points, J. H. Bristow winning the 50-yard dash. He won the first two heats in close races, and captured the final by a margin of several feet.

Richmond Wins Relay.
Richmond College won the relay championship of the Eastern State Intercollegiate Association, defeating Randolph-Macon by nearly a lap. William and Mary finished far in the background. The Spiders' runners lost everything their own way from the start. Bristow gathering in a comfortable lead at the outset. The runners who followed him lengthened the gap and ran the boys from the other two colleges off their feet.

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Stewart Wins Pole Vault.
John H. Stewart, of George Washington University, who holds the Eastern States Southern intercollegiate record in the pole vault, won the vault against L. J. Martin, of Virginia, and C. A. Robbins, of Washington and Lee University. This contest was closely contested, and the University of Virginia, led by the crowd, Stewart cleared the bar at 11 feet 3.1-2 inches, 3.1-2 inches above Martin, who finished second; but he was unable to break his own record of 11 feet 5 inches.

Frank Brayer, of Johns Hopkins University, was in an end of the mile run, leaving the field of four nearly 200 yards in the rear. After breaking the tape in 4 minutes and 45 seconds, he hustled into his overcoat and went over to the reporters' table to write the story of the meet for one of the Baltimore papers.

George Washington Defeats Richmond.
George Washington University won the relay match from Richmond College, the time being 3 minutes 14.1-2 seconds. The Spiders gave the George Washington runners a stiff battle all the way.

The relay race between Johns Hopkins University and the Western Maryland University was easily the best relay of the night. The runners were nip and tuck throughout, and Hopkins only won out in the last 100 yards of the race. Maryland runner losing ground on the sharp curves near the finish line.

C. A. Rogers finished first in the 880-yard scholastic run after a noble sprint in the finish, but he was disqualified for fouling R. F. Blackford, of the Episcopal High School, and that runner was given first honors, having finished a close second.

Baltimore City College runners won all the places in the 400-yard scholastic dash, Rogers finishing first, Leato second, and Stalford third.

Richmond Academy Wins Two.
Richmond Academy won the relay from the Chester Springs Academy, the race being two laps. The youngsters put up a fine exhibition, and were heartily applauded. Richmond Academy also won the relay from the Richmond High School and McGuire's School. The Baltimore City College relay team won from the reserves of Richmond College, the runners from the Monumental City covering the track in fast time.

L. J. Martin and E. W. Holliday, of Virginia, tied on the high jump at 5 feet 10.1-2 inches, and Holliday won out on the toss.

Handsome gold medals were awarded the winners in all of the events, while the athletes who finished second received silver medals, and those who finished third were awarded bronze medals.

There was no hitch in the program, the events being gotten off in rapid succession. Jim Mulligan, of Georgetown University, was the starter, and in one event he had to have any difficulty in getting the runners off, and on that occasion his gun refused to fire. W. Y. Reithart, of the local Young Men's Christian Association, was the referee. O. L. Bowen, of Richmond College, was the clerk of course, and he was assisted by W. H. L. Smith, Jr., of Richmond College. The field judge was O'Hearn Wil-